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That the Iuſtices ſhall diuide themſelues into ſundry parts to execute theſe Orders.

THat the Shiriffe and Iuſtices of the peace ſhall immediatly vpon the receit of theſe Orders, aſſemble themſelues together with as much ſpeed as they poſſibly may: And hauing conferred amongſt themſelues vpon the Contents hereof, ſhall firſt for the better execution of the ſame, diuide themſelues into ſundry companies, and take amongſt them into their charge, by ſeuerall diuiſions, all the

Hundreds, Rapes, or Wapentakes of the sayd Countie.

To appoint sundry Iuries to enquire of things hereafter following.

Item, Euery company so allotted out, shall forthwith direct their Precepts vnto the High Constables, that they shall cause the Vnder-Constables, and other the most honest and substantiall Inhabitants within the same Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake, to the number of xxxvi. persons, moe or fewer, as the quantitie of the Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake shall require, to appeare before them at a certaine place, and within as short time after the receit hereof as they conueniently may, and vpon the appearance of the said persons, they shall diuide them into so many Numbers or Companies, as they shall thinke meet, giuing instruction to the sayd High Constables to returne as few of such as bee knowen great Farmers for Corne, or that haue store of Graine to sell, as he can. And such of the persons so warned as shall not appeare, but make default being summoned, and not hauing any iust or reasonable excuse allowable by the Iustices, to be punished therefore at the good discretions of the Iustices, before whom they are to appeare.

Item, they shall first declare to the parties appearing, the cause why they are sent for, and therewith earnestly charge them in the feare of God, to apply themselues to the seruice whereunto they shall be now called, with all duetifulnesse and diligence, and without any partialitie

tie to any person: and then they shall giue them the charge following.

¶ The Charge.

YOu shall diligently and carefully enquire, and make true and due search and triall, what number of persons of euery Houlholder that hath Corne in their Barnes, Stacks or other where, as well Iustices of the Peace as others whatsoeuer, within the Perish of haue in their houses feeding, lying, and vprising, or otherwise to be fedde: what number of Acres they haue certainly to be sowen this yeere with any maner of Graine: what bargaines they haue made with any person for any kinde of Graine to be solde, by, or to them: to whom and by whom, and vpon what prices they haue made the same, and what quantitie of any manner of Graine, they, or any other haue in their Barnes, Grainers, Lofts, Cellers, or Floores, or otherwise to bee deliuered vnto them vpon any Bargaine.

The charge to enquire what number of persons be in the houses of them that haue store of Corne.

Item, what number of Badgers, Kidders, Broggers or Carriers of Corne inhabit within the said Parish, and whither they doe vse to carrie their Corne which they doe buy, and where

For Badgers Broggers, and Cariers of Corne.

where they doe vsually buy the same, and what their names be, and how long they haue vsed that trade, and by whose Licence, and to see the same Licences of what tenor they are of.

Maltmakers Bakers, and Brewers.

Item, what number of Mault-makers, Bakers, common Brewers or Tiplers dwell within the said Parish, and who they are by name, and how long they haue vsed that trade, and how much they Bake or Brew in the weeke, and what other Trade they haue whereby otherwise to liue.

Buyers of Corne to sell againe.

Item, who within the said Parish bee the buyers of Corne, or doe vse to buy, or haue bought any Corne or Graine to sell againe, or haue solde it againe since the Feast of the Annunciation last past.

Buyers of Corne vpon the ground.

Item, who within the same Parish buyeth, or haue bought or solde any Graine vpon the ground, of whom, and to whom hath the same beene bought or solde, and at what price, and to certifie vnto vs of the Premisses, and of euery part thereof, on the day of now next comming, and to euery part of these Articles you shall bring answere from point to point.

Against such as shall refuse to declare the trueth of the matters enquirable.

And if any shall refuse to declare the trueth, of, or concerning the Premisses, or of any part thereof, to any the Inquirers aforesaid, requiring the same for their better information: the partie so required and refusing, shall be conuented before the Iustices of the Peace of the said

Diuision,

Diuision, or any two of them, and sharply rebuked, or if need be, punished for his contempt. And if the party so called in question, shall not declare the full trueth thereof to the said Iustices, hee shall be committed by the said Iustices to the common Gaole as a person bound for his good behauiour, and so to be continued, vntill he shall conforme himselfe therein, or otherwise at the discretions of the said Iustices, he shall be bound in a good summe of money to make appearance before the Lords of his Maiesties priuie Councell to answer vnto his contempt in that behalfe, for ensamble of all such disobedient persons.

Parties offending to appeare before the Councell.

That the sayd Iustices of the Peare hauing receiued into their hands the presentements of the sayd Inquirers answering to euery point of their charge, shall call at certaine dayes by them to bee assigned, such persons before them of euery Parish, as vpon the presentment so made shall appeare to haue Corne to spare, and vpon due consideration of the number of persons, which euery person hath in his house, according to their qualities, and of the quantitie of Graine, that the partie hath toward the finding of the same, or otherwise to be spent in his house and sowing of his grounds, allowing to euery Householder for his expenses in his house, for euery person thereof according to their qualitie, sufficient Corne for bread and drinke betweene this and the next Haruest,

A consideration of all persons that haue Corne, to determine how they shal serue the Markets with such portions as they may spare.

and for their seed after the rate of the sowing of that Countrey vpon an Acre. And then they shall charge all such as shall appeare to haue more of any kinde of Graine, then shall serue to the vses aboue mentioned, aswell Iustices of the Peace as others, to obserue the orders ensuing, viz.

¶ The orders to be obserued are these, viz.

Orders to be obserued by such as shalbe appointed to serue the Markets with Corne, for the reliefe of the poore people first.

YOu shall bring, or cause to be brought weekely so many quarters or bushels of Corne, as Wheate, Rye, Barley, Mault, Peazon, Beans, or other graine, or so much thereof as shall not be directly sold to the poore Artificers or day Labourers of the Parish within which you dwell, by order of the Iustices of the Peace of the Diuision within which you dwell, or two of them, to the Market of there to be by you, or at your assignement sold vnto the Kings Subiects in open Market by halfe Quarters, two Bushels, one Bushel or lesse, as the buyer shall require of you, and not in greater quantitie,

To whom Corne shalbe sold after that the poore are serued.

except it be to a Badger or Carter of Corne admitted according to the Statute, or to a common knowen Brewer or Baker, hauing testimonie

monie vnder the hand and Seale of such two Iustices of the Peace at the least of the diuision, or of a Maior or other head Officer of the Citie, Towne, or Borough corporate where he dwelleth, that he is common Brewer or Baker within the same: or to such other person as shall make prouision for any Lord Spirituall or Temporall, Knight, or any other Gentleman that hath no sufficient prouision of Corne, so as the same person haue and shew vnto such person as shall haue the ouerlight of the Market in that behalfe, testimonie vnder the hand and Seale of the partie for whom he commeth to the Market to make that prouision, declaring that it is for the prouision of his house, and containing the quantities and kinde of Graine to bee prouided: And you shall not willingly leaue any part of your Corne so brought to that Market vnsold, if money bee offered to you for the same, by any that are permitted to buy the same, after the vsuall price of the Market there that day, as long as the Market shall last.

No corne brought to the Market vnsold, to be carried out of the towne.

Neither shall you from the beginning of the Market, to the full end thereof, keepe or cause to bee kept any of your said Corne out of the open sight of the Market: neither shall you carry away from the Market towne any kind of Graine that was brought thither which you haue not there solde, but shall leaue the same there in the Market Towne in some place knowen, so as it may be brought into the open

Market the next Market day at the first opening of the Market, there to be solde as afore was limitted. And yet neuertheleſſe, you shall bring to the Market such other quantitie of Graine as shall be limitted, and so continue at euery Market day the bringing into the open Market, the quantitie of Corne that shall bee limitted.

None to buy such kinde of Corne as they shall bring to sell, but by warrant vpon reasonable cause.

Also you shall not buy any manner of such Graine as the said Justices shall appoint you to sell, from this day forwards, but vpon very especiall and necessary cause to bee allowed by them, vntill such time as all and euery such maner Graines as the said Justices at this time shall appoint you to sell, bee according to that appointment and order by you sold. And if you shall not sow so much this yeere as hath beene presented that yee intend to sow, or if you now haue, or shall haue knowledge, or shall guesse hereafter at any time, either by threshing of the Mow, or Shockes, or otherwise, that yee haue more store of any maner of Graine, then hath beene presented: that then ye shall forthwith vpon such knowledge thereof had, make true relation thereof vnto the said Justices, or vnto two of them, both what portion of your seed Corne shall be left vnsowen, or what further quantitie you shall perceiue you haue, then was at the first presented.

That so soone as you perceiue you spend not after the rate of so much Corne as is limitted vnto

vnto you for the finding of your house, ye shall make true report vnto the Justices or two of them, how much lesse ye spend.

No Corne to be bought to sell againe.

Ye shall buy no Corne to sell it againe, neither shall you by any colour directly or indirectly, appoint any your seruants, or any other person to be a Badger of your Corne other then to cary your Corne to the Market, there to bee sold as your owne, without changing of any property.

No Corne to be bought but in open Market.

Yee shall neither buy nor sell any manner of Corne, but in the open Market, vnlesse the same be to some poore handicrafts men, or day labourers within the Parish wherein you doe dwell, that cannot conueniently come to the Market townes, by reason of distance of place, according to such direction as shall be giuen vnto you in that behalfe by the Justices of the Peace of that Diuision, within which you doe dwell, or two of them, & to none of these aboue one Bushell at a time, and thereof you shall keepe or cause to bee kept a particular Note in writing, to whom you shall so sell weekely, and at what prices, so as the same may appeare to the Justices to be done without fraud or abuse.

Inquirie to be be made against Ingrossers.

That the Justices of the Peace within their seuerall Diuisions, haue speciall regard that Ingrossers of Corne bee carefully seene vnto, and inquisitions to bee made for knowledge of them, and that therupon they may be seuerely proceeded with and punished according to the

Law: and to see that none be permitted to buy any Corne to sel againe, but by special Licence.

Regard to the Bakers for keeping of the Size of bread.

That they take order with the common Bakers for the baking of Rie, Barley, Pease, and Beanes according to the maner of the countrey for the vse of the poore, and that they appoint speciall & fit persons diligently to see the people well dealt withall by the common Bakers and Brewers in all Townes and places in their Weights and Assizes, hauing also regard, that the Deputies of the Clerke of the Market doe not abuse themselues in vnlawfull exactions for Weight and Measure, and effectually to enquire for and search out the default therein, and thereupon to giue order for punishment of the offendour seuerely, according to the Law: and where any notable excessiue offence shal be in the Bakers, to cause the bread to bee sold by them to the poorer sort vnder the ordinary prices, as in part of punishment of the Baker.

Bread faultie in any excesse to be sold towards the reliefe of the poore.

No Badger to buy corne but in open Market, and with sufficient licence in writing.

That no Badgers of corne, Bakers or Brewers buy any Graine,, or commune or bargaine for the same, but in the time of open Markets, and that but by Licence vnder the hands of the Justices of the Diuision where they doe dwell, or three of them, and that they weekely bring their Licence with them to the Market where they doe either buy or sell, or else not to be suffered to buy any: And that the Licence conteine how much Graine, of what kind, and for what place they are licenced to buy and cary, that

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there bee set downe vpon the Licence in writing, the day, place, quantitie, & price at which the Corne is bought, that they take but measurably for the cariage, baking, & brewing thereof, that they shew their Bookes weekly to such as the Iustices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, shall appoint for that purpose being no Bakers or Badgers of Corne, and that those within euery xiiii. dayes make report to the Iustices of the Diuision wherein they dwell, how the people are dealt withall by the Badgers, Bakers, and Brewers, and that such as haue sufficient to liue on, or that are knowen to be of any common euill behauiour, be not permitted to be Badgers of Corne, of which sort commonly the report is that there are too many, and therefore the same would be remedied and foreseene: Also that no Badgers be permitted, but such as the Statute doeth limite, and that no seruant of any be licenced to bee a Badger, except fiue of the Iustices at the least shall in open Sessions for some necessary cause allow any such, and that none at all be allowed a Badger, except hee bee allowed in open Sessions, and not to bee, as it is in many places, abused for gaine of the Clerke of the Peace, or a Iustices Clearke granted without allowance of the rest of the Iustices in their open Sessions. And furthermore, that none be permitted to buy or prouide Corne in the Market in grosse, as a Badger or Baker, Brewer, or Purueiour and such

The Badgers to shew weekly their books of buying.

No Iustices seruant to be a Badger, nor none other, but such as shall be licenced in open Sessions.

No Badger, Baker, Brewer, or

Purueyour to buy Graine, vntill two houres after the full Market bee begun.

such like, vpon paine of imprisonment, vntill two houres after the full Market bee begun, that the poore may be first serued.

Some Iustices to be present in the Market, to see the poore relieued vpon reasonable prices.

That the sayd Iustices, or two, or one of them at the least in euery Diuision, shalbe personally present at euery Market within their seuerall Diuisions, during the whole time of the Market, to see the orders to be taken by the authoritie hereof to be well obserued, and the poore people prouided of necessary Corne, and that with as much fauour in the prices, as by the earnest perswasion of the Iustices can bee obtained. By this it is not meant to charge anie Lord of Parliament, being a Iustice of Peace, to attend vpon any such seruice in any Market, otherwise then it shall be with his owne good will: but in all other causes tending to the execution of these Orders, it is hoped that euery person of any estate, will readily giue aduice and assistance.

Where Iustices are wanting in any Hundred, for to appoint some rich persons to supply the want.

If there shall be any Hundred, Rape, or Wapentake within the said County, within the which, or neere thereunto no sufficient number of the sayd Iustices of the Peace do dwell or inhabite, the said Shirife & foure Iustices of the Peace of that County, shal in that case appoint some other honest Gentleman, or the hie Constables, vnder-Constables, or such other, graue, honest, & substantiall persons, not being Cornmasters, dwelling within the sayd Hundred, Rape or Wapentake, as they shall by their discretions

erections thinke conuenient, to haue the charge, in the execution of theſe Orders there: whom they ſhall alſo inſtruct how to execute the ſame diligently and vprightly.

That all good meanes and perſwaſions bee vſed by the Iuſtices in their ſeuerall diuiſions, and by admonitions and exhortations in Sermons in the Churches, by the Preachers and Miniſters of Gods word, that the poore may be ſerued of Corne at conuenient reaſonable prices. And to the furtherance thereof, that the richer ſort bee earneſtly mooued by Chriſtian charitie, to cauſe their Graine to be ſold vnder the common prices of the Market to the poorer ſort: A deed of mercy, that will doubtleſſe be rewarded of Almightie God.

That Miniſters and Preachers exhort the richer ſort to be liberall to helpe the poore with money or victuall needfull.

That there bee no buying or bargayning of any kinde of Corne but in open Market, but only to poore Artificers and day Labourers as afore ſaid, and that the Iuſtices in their ſeuerall Diuiſions, do in conuenient ſort reſtraine common Maultſters of making Barlie Mault, in thoſe counteys & places where there be Oates ſufficient to make Mault of for the vſe of the people, and to reſtraine as well the brewing of Barley Mault, by or for Alehouſes or common Tiplers in thoſe Countries and places, as alſo the exceſſe vſe of any kind of Mault, by all common Brewers, Maultſters, and common Tiplers, according to the true meaning of this Article: And that the vnnaturall conuerting

To make Mault of Oates in countreys where there hath beene vſe thereof.

of Barlie into Mault, more then may serue for necessary vse, be restreined.

And where it is informed that sundry Maltsters and others haue already engrolled and taken into their hands great quantities of Barlie, either to be conuerted into Mault or otherwise, to make their profit of it by aduancing the prices thereof: It is therefore ordered that the Justices of peace in their seuerall Diuisions, shall vse all the care and diligence they may, to find out such Ingrollers, and to examine them exactly how much of such kinde of Corne they haue already in their handes or haue compounded for, and at what price, and where it is. And thereupon the said Justices of the peace to take order that so much thereof in Barley as shall be thought fit in the discretion of the same Justices, bee brought to such of the next Markets thereunto, as the same Justices shall assigne, there to bee sold to the poore people of the Towne and Countrey adioyning, by the sacke or Coombe or lesser quantitie, and by no greater quantitie to any one person at such reasonable price, and with such reasonable game as the same Justices shall thinke fit. And such as shall be found obstinate to obey this order, to be bound with good sureties to answer the matter before the Lords of his Maiesties Priuie Counsell at some day to bee prefixed by the same Justices. And the great number of Maltsters to be reduced to fewer persons, such as haue other trades

to little by, not to be permitted to vse Wandring.

That the Iustices vse all other good meanes possible that are not mentioned in theſe ouers, that the Markets may be well ſerued, and the poore relieued in their prouiſions during this time of dearth. And that no expenſe of any Graine meete for bread to feede men, be waſted vpon feeding of dogges or other beaſts, neither that any bee ſpent in making ſtuffe called Starch.

No waſte of bread Corne ſuperfluouſly, nor any expenſe thereof, but for feeding of people.

None ſuffered to make Starch of any Graine.

That the Iuſtices bee ſtraitly commanded to ſee by all good meanes, that the able people be ſet on worke in houſes of Correction prouided and furniſhed, and there idle vagabonds to bee puniſhed.

Able poore people to bee ſet to worke.

That the Iuſtices doe their beſt to cauſe conuenient ſtockes of money or wares, to be prouided in euery Diuiſion, or other places according to the Statute, for ſetting the poore on worke, and to vſe all other good and politique meanes within their ſeuerall Diuiſions, to continue and maintaine the poore people in worke within the Parish, or at the leaſt within the Diuiſion, and mainly to vrge Countreys to charge the Clothiers, that haue in former times gained by that Trade, not now in this time of dearth to leaue off his Trade, whereby the poore may be ſet on worke.

Stockes of money for prouiſion of workes for poore people.

Clothiers to continue their workefolkes.

That the maimed and hurt Souldiour, and altogether impotent perſons bee carefully leene

Souldiers hurt, and impotent people, to be re-

lieued in their dwelling places.

vnto to bee relieued within their seuerall Parishes, Hundreds or Diuisions, according to the Lawe therein prouided: and that where the prouisions formerly made, and assessed vpon the houlholders in euery Parish be not sufficient, it may be now for this time of dearth charitably encreased. And where any Parish is not able to giue sufficient relieue to such their poore, that parish to haue the supply of such other parishes neere adioyning, as haue fewer poore, and are better able to giue relieue. And no vagabond or sturdie begger, or any that may otherwise get their liuing by their labors, be suffered to wander abroad vnder colour of begging in any towne, field or highway; & that the Iustices doe presently giue order that there be able persons appointed, & sufficiently weaponed, to assist the Constables of euery Towne to attach such vagabonds, both in their Townes, fields and high wayes, & to commit them to prison without bayle or any such, but as two of the Iustices of the Peace within that Diuision shall order. And if any Towneship shall not obserue this order, for the attaching and punishing of the said vagabonds, then the Iustices shall set due punishment by fine vpon the whole Towneship, or vpon such parties in the Towne, as shall be found in fault.

That no Millers be suffred to bee common buyers

Where in some parts of the Realme, diuers Millers, who ought onely to serue for grinding of Corne that shall be brought to their Milles,

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haue begun lately a very corrupt trade to be common buyers of Corne, both in markets and out of markets, and the same doe grinde into meale, and doe vse as Badgers, or other wise to sell the same at markets and in other places, seeking thereby an inordinate gaine, besides the misusing of other mens Corne brought thither to be ground, by delay of grinding, or that worse is, by changing & altering of their good Corne to the worse: It is thought very necessary, that the Iustices of the peace who are not owners by any title of any Mills, nor masters or landlords to any millers, shall first inhibit all millers vpon paine both of imprisonment & fine, to vse any such trade of buying of any graine to be sold either in Corne or meale, but to charge them to continue the orderly vse of grinding of all maner of Corne that shall be brought to them, in reasonable good sort, & vpon reasonable Toll. And for better performance hereof some of the Iustices not affectioned to the Millers, shall sometime personally themselues resort to the Millers to ouersee the doings of the said Millers, and commit them vnto the Gaole, & shall where none of the Iustices can, as they shall be, weekely looke thereto personally, they shall appoint certaine honest persons not being to attend thereto, and to enforme themselues of the poorer sort, how they are vsed in this time of dearth, for their grinding and their Toll, and present the defaults to the Iustices, to be spee-

of Corne, nor sell Meale, but to attend to the true grinding of the Corne brought, and to vse mea-surable Tolle these deare seasons.

duly reformed with all due seuerity.

Conferences to be had betwixt the Iustices of Peace in the Shires, and the principall Officers of Cities and Townes corporate for prouisions of Graine, for the inhabitants in Cities and corporate Townes.

Item, where there are within the circuite of any Shire, or thereto adioyning, any Cities that are incorporated as Townes within themselues, or any other Townes incorporate, that haue by good authoritie Iustices of Peace of their owne inhabitants, for that commonly such Cities and Townes haue their greatest number of houholders that are no owners of graine, but haue common Bakers and Brewers, that must of necessitie buy and prouide their Corne or Meale at the Markets neere thereto, to serue all other the inhabitants & resiants within the said Cities and Townes: for the prouision of all such Cities and Townes, it shall be necessary that the Iustices of the peace of the Shires next to the same Cities and Townes, shall haue meeting and conference with the head Officers of the said Cities & Townes, how and in what good manner the Bakers & Brewers, and other houholders that shall haue need to prouide Corne or Meale for the necessaries for all their houholds, may be prouided at the Markets neere the same. And after due conference had & proued, it shall be by the Iustices of the peace, and the foresaid head Officers, made good orders & bonds, such as both may stand for the reasonable ease of the same Townes & Cities: & also may not by meanes giue cause of raising of prices at the Markets & Townes adioyning. And where there shall be ad-

adioyning to the same Cities & Townes, or not farre distant, diuers Shires (as in many places such is the situation of them) there some of the Iustices of euery Shire so adioyning, or not farre distant, shall vse such conference and take such orders with the said Officers, as afore is mentioned. And in such cases the Iustices of euery such Shire shall bee enformed mutually from the one Shire vnto the other, of the needful prouisions to be made from time to time for the said Cities & Townes: so as euery Shire may proportionably yeelde reasonable succour and relefe out of their Markets to the prouisors, or to the Bakers & Brewers, as shall be requisite, without burthening of the one, more then the other may reasonably beare. And if need shall require, the aforesaid principall Officers shall not refuse to accompt the Iustices, from whence the prouision shall be brought and prouided, for such prouisions to bee brought in Markets and spent: that by colour of such prouisions no abuse be suffered to enhaunce the prices, and so to release the poore husbands to bee relieued.

Order for places exempted from the iurisdiction of the Iustices of Peace in the bodies of the Shires.

If there bee any Shire that hath an Vniuersity by speciall Commissions any Iustices of the Peace within the same, the Shiriffe of the Shire shall send vnto the principall Officer or Officers of euery such Vniuersity notice of these orders, & shall charge them that the Iustices of the peace within such Liberty

hoe their duetie for execution of all theese orders, as farre forth as shall be requisite, and therein also to vse by conference the aduise of some other Iustices next adioyning.

Regard to stay all transportation of Graine out of the Realme.

That no transportation of Corne or victuall be, but from port to port within this Realme, and that but in cases needfull, as for the prouisions of London, shipping, or such like. And that he done by the view & ouerseeing of his Maiesties officers of the Customs house of the port where the same shall be laden, or of the most part of them: & of the chiefe magistrates of the town in which that port is, & also of some of the Commissioners of the county in which that port is, and for that purpose assigned. And that in such sale good bonds be taken sufficient sureties be taken to his Maiesties vse for the deliuerie thereof at the port to which the same shall be assigned. And for bringing backe in conuenient time not only a true Certificate of the vnlading thereof at the same port so assigned from his Maiesties officers of the Customs house of that port, to the Customers of the port where the same was laden: But also one other certificate from the chiefe Magistrate of the Towne of that port where the same shall be assigned to be vnladen; And from some of the Commissioners of the Countie in which that Towne is, for the purpose assigned vnto the Commissioners and chiefe Magistrate of that port where the same was laden, of the due and iust vnlading thereof

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at the port assigned. And transcripts of those Certificates to bee made and certified into the Exchequer in the beginning of euery Terme.

And if the Commissioners for that purpose assigned, shall not doe their best endeuours to make stay of the transporting of Corne, as by authoritie of their Commission they ought to do, then any other Justice by authority of these Orders shall make stay of all such transportation, and in his so doing, shall bee allowed and maintained. And this is thought meet to be in this sort directed, for that it may bee doubted, that amongst so many as are appointed in the foresaid Commission against transportation, some may bee mistaken, being themselues either transporters, or friends or fauourers to transporters, or negligent in the execution of the charge committed to them.

That the Justices of the Peace doe once euery moneth certifie their doings and proceedings by force of these Instructions vnto the Shiriffe of the said Countie, in which certificate they shall also make certificate of such Justices as shall bee absent from any of these seruices, and the true cause of their absence, and shal also certifie the vsuall prices of all kindes of Graine in their Markets for that moneth past: Of all which the same Shiriffe shall certifie to the Priuie Counsell without any delay, so as he doe certifie once in euery fortie dayes at the furthest, and so as also the default in any Justice

Certificate to be made of the Execution of these Orders monethly to the Shiriffe, and he to certifie the same to the Priuy Counsel within euery fortie dayes.

ſtice that ſhall bee abſent without neceſſarie cauſe, may be duely conſidered, and reformed by authoritie of his Maieſties Counſell, as reaſon ſhall require: whereby ſuch perſons as are placed as Juſtices, may not continue in thoſe roomes wherein they ſhall be found not diſpoſed to attend ſuch neceſſary and godly ſeruices as this is; but that others of better diſpoſition may ſupply thoſe roomes, if there ſhall be need of any ſuch number.

Speciall inquirie be made of thoſe that are great hoorders by of Corne, and bring little quantitie to the Market, to the end from ſuch perſons prouiſion may be made for his Maieſties ſhipping, and other publique ſeruices, as need ſhall require.

And if any ſhall offend againſt the true meaning of theſe Inſtructions, or of any part thereof, or ſhall vſe any ſiniſter meane to the defrauding thereof, that ſuch be ſeuerely puniſhed according to the Lawes: and for ſuch obſtinate perſons as ſhall not conforme themſelues, the Juſtices ſhall at their diſcretion binde them to appeare before the Kings Maieſties Priuie Counſell by a day certaine, there to be further dealt with by ſeuere puniſhment, for the better enſample of all others.

Item, the Juſtices ſhall take order that the multitude of Badgers & Buyers both of Butter and Cheeſe, as alſo of Corne to ſell againe, may in euery Countie vpon conference among

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the Iuſtices bee reduced to a competent number, and thoſe of the fitteſt perſons for that purpoſe, and the reſidue to be remooued.

That ſuch of theſe Badgers and Buyers as ſhall remaine, be onely permitted to make prouiſion to furniſh the Markets of ſuch Cities and other great Townes and places which otherwiſe are not able to bee ſufficiently prouided for, of thoſe prouiſions in the Countreys neere adioyning, for that they are only needfull for thoſe places.

That the Farmor or Maultſter bee not permitted to ſell to any ſuch Badgers or Buyer, nor to any Baker or Brewer out of a Market, nor that any Badgers or Buyers to ſell againe, bee permitted to buy any Corne, Butter or Cheeſe, but in the Market: Neither any Baker, Brewer, Badger or ſuch Buyer as aforeſaid to ſell againe, be permitted to buy in any Market but two houres at the leaſt after the full of the Market, whereby others may be ſerued of their particular prouiſions: And then the Badger, Baker, and Buyer to ſell againe, to take away the ſurpluſage of the market onely.

To foreſee that no couetous practiſes be vſed betweene the Farmor or Maultſter, and the Badger, Broker, Brewer, or Buyer to ſell againe, whereby the Farmor or other ſhould deteine his Corne or Mault to the ende of the Market to the hinderance of the Market: But if any ſuch be found, then ſuch offender to be duely punished.

Higlers and Purueyors for the City of London, or any other Citie, not to be permitted to buy Corne or other victuall but in open Market, and that two houres after the full Market, wherevy the poorer sort may be serued of that which they shall need, at competent prices: Neuertheleſſe, for the better furnishing of your sayd Cities with necessary prouisions and in conuenient maner, it is ordered that further prouisions shall be from time to time made for them in such sort as the Lords of his Maiesties Councel shall further direct in that behalfe.

It is also ordered, that the feeding of sheepe with Peaſe or Beanes which is vsed in some countreys for food, be specially forbidden, because in time of dearth the same may serue the poorer sort to make bread of.

That there be monethly a view taken what Corne any Farmor or other person vsing to sell Corne, hath both threshed, and by estimation in the stoage, and to be enioyned to sell none but in open Market, except to poore Artificers and day-labourers their neighbours, and to yeeld a due account to the Iustices, of the expense of his Corne, and how much he doeth sell weekely in any Market.

That inquisition bee made in what places Mault is commonly made to bee sold by such as are called Maulsters, and who they bee. And to take order, that by buying and ingrossing of Barley to make Mault, they doe not thereby

thereby store vp greater quantitie of Mault then they vsually bring into the Markets, thereby towards the end of the yere to increase the price thereof excessiuely. Of which abuse the Iustices are to take care to reforme the same, and to take order also that they shall buy their barley in open Market, and not at the Farmers houses, thereby to forestall the Markets, and to inhance the prices.

To take strait order with the common Brewers, that they serue no Beere or Ale to any Alehousekeeper, Victualler, or Tipler, but at such rate and price as by the Iustices of the Peace shalbe set downe and appointed by authority of the Statute of 23.H.8.cap.4. And yet the same to be well sodden and well brewed of wholesome graine as it ought to be, vpon paine of to be imposed by the Iustices.

That Alehousekeepers suffer none to eat and tipple, or victaile in their houses, but such as are wayfaring men, that shall take the same to refresh themselues in their passage or iourney, or such as shalbe appointed to lodge or take dyet in their houses, but to deliuer out of their houses that quantitie of drinke which their neighbours of the poorer sort shall haue need of, to be drunke in the houses of those who fetch or send for the same, and not else where.

To permit no tipling at all on the Sabboth day, or holy day in time of Diuine seruice.

That no Victualler, Tipler, or Alehouse-

keeper, shall permit and suffer any person or persons to lodge in his house aboue a day and a night, but such as he will answere for, as the Statutes in that behalfe made doe require.

To giue straight order and charge to euery Constable, or other inferiour Officer to whom it may appertaine, that euery of them shall once in euery fifteen dayes search and enquire of the defaults and disorders aforesaid, and shall informe the Justices of the Peace of the same defaults and disorders, if any be, that the offenders therein may thereupon bee proceeded on and punished according to the Law. And if it shall seeme to the Justice, that the Petie Constable be either a Victualler, or one that shall fauour the Victuallers in their faults, then some other meet person to bee appointed to make the said Inquisition and Certificate.

No Tipler to buy any goods of any wayfaring man, or other, that shall bring the same to their houses to sell, but of such as shall be well knowen vnto them to be of honest conuersation, and whom they shalbe able alwayes to produce, or haue to be forth comming.

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